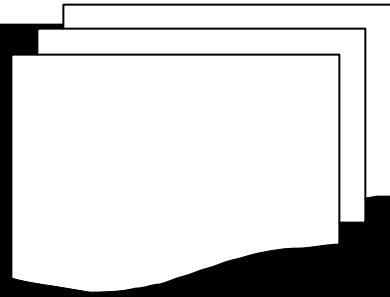


# the physical disability FILE



information for and about people with physical disabilities

## Demographics of Physical Disability in Wisconsin

The US Census provides reliable state-level counts of people who report that they have mobility limitations, self-care limitations, or a disability that affects their work status. The most recent census data available (shown below) are from 1990. The 2000 data on disability will be released in late summer, 2002. Other demographic data is available on our internet site at: [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Disabilities](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Disabilities).

### Mobility and Self-Care Limitations

- 195,568 people reported a mobility limitation, a self-care limitation, or both.
  - 69,375 reported a mobility limitation only.
  - 68,552 reported a self-care limitation only.
  - 57,641 people reported both a mobility and a self-care limitation.

### Work Disability, Age 16 and Over

- 110,482 people who report a work disability are in the labor force.
  - 97,191 of these are employed.
  - 13,291 are unemployed.
- 234,698 people who report a work disability say it prevents them from working.
- 43,939 are not in the labor force but are not prevented from working (including homemakers, full-time students, and others who are not working and are not looking for work).

### Work Disability, Under Age 65

- 102,469 people report having a work disability and are in the labor force.
  - 89,920 are employed.
  - 12,549 are unemployed.
- 100,051 people who report a work disability say it prevents them from working.
- 21,045 are not in the labor force but are not prevented from working (including homemakers, full-time students, and others who are not working and are not looking for work).

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